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The Weather

Arkansas: Warmer this after-
noon and early tonight, colder late
tonight and early Friday west and
north portions. Fresh to strong
winds this afternoon and tonight.

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British Split Axis Forces

All French Fleet Units in North Africa to Join Allies

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Something to Write About

Your editorial writer, like a bad penny, turns up here every day. But like the penny and its two sides he has a couple of quite different days. Take Wednesday for instance. On Wednesday he feels like writing about things people ought to be studying. But on Thursday he studies the things people really like to read about, and he writes about them. This is Thursday.

Expected OPA Shift May Relax Ration Controls

—Washington

By JACK BELL.
Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Reports that Leon Henderson would be succeeded as price administrator soon by Senator Prestiss Brown, Michigan brought predictions today that one of the immediate results would be a softening of rationing controls to release more supplies to civilians.
Reliable sources said that unless some hitch developed, Henderson would resign shortly after the first of the year for a four months rest and treatment for a back ailment and Brown, defeated in the November elections, would be named as his successor.
The appointment of Brown was said to have been agreed upon at a White House conference yesterday after the Michigan Democrat previously had declined the post, preferring to return to his private law practice.
The arrangement was reported to have been made after Henderson insisted that he must have a four-months layoff to protect his health, after which it was believed he might return to government service in another capacity.
If Brown becomes price administrator, friends said there was no doubt that he would move speedily to obliterate some of the irritations that have arisen over the enforcement of rationing programs, such as those entailing nationwide curtailment of gasoline sales.
Brown has made no secret of the fact that he believed some of the rationing orders were too harsh, that more could be accomplished through voluntary agreements and through compulsion.
Henderson has been the object of much criticism in Congress and there have been open threats to trim appropriations to a point where it might be impossible for the Office of Price Administration to carry on all of the activities it has undertaken in connection with the original price control act and the subsequent measure providing broad authority over prices, wages and salaries.
As a former member of both the House and Senate, a personally well-liked member of Congress, Brown would be expected to obtain needed appropriations with far less trouble than Henderson.

Boys Club Is Organized on Wednesday

An organization meeting of a Hope Boys Club, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Fire Station with the following members of the Board of Directors present: Clifford Franks, R. P. Bowen, Ted Jones, Lerrell Cornelious, Rev. Thomas Brewster, Ollie Olson, Jim McBride, Bob Franklin, Ched Hall, Geo. Ware, Rev. Robert Moore, Lloyd Coop.
The following officers were elected, Jim McBride, president; Lloyd Coop, secretary. Several members on account of business or illness were unable to be present.
The purpose and aims of the club were discussed, with several members of the Board giving first hand information as to the value of Boys club work in the community. The aim of the club is to provide a square deal for every child supervised physical training and recreation the value of American citizenship, good morals and personal health will be stressed. Boys dues per year will be three cents time age. For example a boy 8 years of age will pay 24 cents per year.
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Admiral Darlan Also Explains Change of Views

By WES GALLAGHER

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Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 17.—Admiral Jean Darlan flatly declared today that formidable French fleet units at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports would join the British and United States fleets on the high seas to fight the Axis.

In an exclusive statement to this correspondent, the former commander of all of Vichy's armed forces, now recognized by Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as high commissioner of French Africa, gave reasons for his dealings with the Germans in Vichy the past two years and, in answer to a question regarding General Charles De Gaulle, fighting French leader, expressed the hope that "all Frenchmen who are able to fight the Axis will do it in close union."

The pipe-smoking admiral made the formal statement that "French Africa, with the Allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy" and he disavowed personal ambitions as his motive for joining the Allies.

Giving the first definite word of plans for the French Naval units whose aid will give a great boost to Allied Naval power, Darlan replied "yes, definitely!" To the question "does Mr. Darlan plan to use the French fleet that is left at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports against the Axis?"

(Demobilized at Alexandria are the 22,189-ton battleship Lorraine, four cruisers and at least one submarine. At Dakar are the 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu, damaged in 1940; three 7,600-ton cruisers, the Gloire, Montcalm and Georges Leygues; three destroyers; eight to 12 submarines; and the submarine tender Jules Verne. Among vessels in North Africa are the 35,000-ton battleship Jean Bart, damaged at Casablanca; various disabled four-battled cruisers, destroyers and submarines and three submarines which escaped from Toulon.)

In reply to a question "Does Mr. Darlan recognize General de Gaulle's national committee as representing any part of France," the admiral significantly did not close the door on union between the two French interests but replied: "I for the present time have no statement to make on the subject but I eagerly wish that all Frenchmen who are able to fight the Axis will do it in close union."

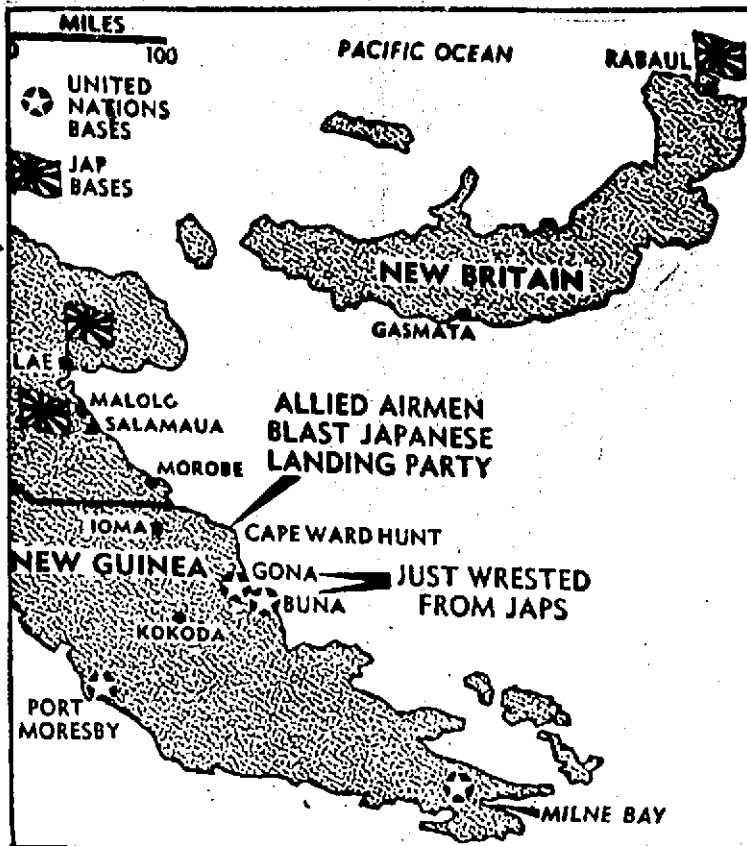
Darlan indicated, however, that he regarded his authority as limited strictly to North Africa and French West Africa.
"Is Mr. Darlan's government to be considered as France's representative to the whole world—that is, does his government represent all the French empire or just North Africa and Dakar?" he was asked.
"For the present the high commission represents North Africa and French West Africa," was the admiral's reply.

Asked whether his government "plans any coalition with other French movements in the world so as to present a United French front to the enemy," Darlan declared:
"My only scheme is to work in complete agreement with the United States of America and Britain and their Allies to contribute to the greatest extent to the war effort."

He described as premature a

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Today's War Map



Today's war map shows how the Allies are blasting the Japs who are seeking to regain a toehold in New Guinea.

New Battle on New Guinea Is Reported

—War in Pacific

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 17.—(AP)—On land and in the air Allied forces strove today to complete domination of the Buna area where Emperor Hirohito's men faithfully obeyed his mandate to hold the New Guinea beach head to the last man.

"Our pressure on the enemy is slowly increasing," the headquarters communiqué said succinctly.
But from the Papan front came reports that United States and Australian soldiers still fought on both sides of their hold on Buna village and a headquarters spokesman said Allied planes were bombing them.

A captured Japanese artilleryman told intelligence officers that his emperor's order was delivered to troops of General Tamate Horii last Nov. 28 after Hirohito was given word of the pounding the MacArthur forces were getting.

New Battle Reported
Melbourne, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Allied and Japanese troops were reported by a Herald war correspondent today to have come to grips north-west of Buna on the Mambare river, where enemy reinforcements moved ashore Sunday night.
Land fighting flared there even while fiercer battles raged in the coconut groves about Buna, it was said.

The correspondent, F. R. Peterson, said it was now estimated that only about 250 Japanese succeeded in landing at the mouth of the Mambare from the enemy naval flotilla which was discovered and routed by Allied bombers during the attempt to establish a new major salient on the northeast coast of New Guinea. Liberators B-24's were still searching for the fleeing vessels.

Average person makes use of \$800 to 10,000 words. Doctors know 25,000 and lawyers 23,000.

Opportunity for Arkansas

An Editorial

By C. E. PALMER

Editor & Publisher El Dorado

Daily News and Evening Times

Completion of the new pipeline

from Longview, Texas, to the East

coast may present both a problem

and an opportunity for Arkansas for

the duration, and for the years

ahead.

With a daily capacity of 300,000

barrels, this line is going to create

a great demand for oil, and it re-

mains to be determined from what

sources this crude will be obtained.

It is reasonable to assume that

Arkansas may be called upon to

furnish its full share, since Texas

Secondary recovery methods may hold a substantial part of the answer.
New fields probably will be discovered as wildcaters continue their search for new sources of oil. Such operations are to be desired and every encouragement should be offered. As each new field comes into production, it is going to be handled in the same efficient manner as all other new Arkansas fields under the direction of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission.
But what about the state's old fields?
It is estimated that hundreds of millions of barrels of oil can be recovered from thirteen fields

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U. S. Planes Hit Enemy Ship in Raid on Munda

—War in Pacific

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Navy dive bombers striking at Japanese ships and installations at Munda on New Georgia island in the Solomons, hit and damaged one enemy destroyer or cruiser, the Navy reported today, while Flying Fortresses engaged and destroyed 12 Japanese Zero fighters nearby.

The Navy said the Flying Fortresses were attacked by the dozen Japanese fighters near New Georgia island. The entire force of Zeros was shot down in a sharp engagement. One fortress was lost, but its crew was rescued.

One of the dive bombers, a Douglas Dauntless, failed to return from the raid on Munda where the Japanese have been seeking to establish a new air base.

The raid was the seventh on the Munda base. It encountered the first enemy opposition in two days.

The damaging of a destroyer or cruiser brought to 142 the number of Japanese ships announced as sunk or damaged in the Solomons.

The enemy's plane losses were boosted to 649 by destruction of the 12 Zeros.

The text of the communiqué, reporting the two actions follows:

"South Pacific (all dates are east longitude).
"1. On December 16:
"A. A number of Navy dive bombers (Douglas 'Dauntless') attacked Japanese ships and installations in the Munda area on New Georgia island. An enemy destroyer (or cruiser) was hit and damaged. One 'Dauntless' failed to return.

"B. A group of Army 'Flying Fortresses' (B-17) was intercepted by 12 land - type enemy 'Zeros' in the vicinity of New Georgia island. The entire intercepting force of 'Zeros' was shot down. One 'Fortress' was lost but the crew was rescued."

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RAF Planes Blast German Targets

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Despite bad weather a small force of RAF bombers attacked targets in north-west Germany last night, the air ministry announced today.
Mines also were laid in enemy waters, the announcement said. One British aircraft was reported lost and one German Messerschmitt shot down during these operations.

Tide of Battle Swings in Favor of Russian Army

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Dec. 17.—(AP) After a week of comparative indecision, the broad course of warfare on the frozen eastern front appeared to be swinging definitely back in favor of the Red Army today as the Soviets announced the capture of five more sectors on the central front and the bloody repulse of a heavy Nazi counter-drive southwest of Stalingrad.

The Axis armies, in waves of counter-attacks at Kotelnikowski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, attempted to roll back the flank of the Russian forces south of the Don river and thus to destroy the Russian trap about the Stalingrad besiegers, dispatches from the front said.

But the attacks, led by tanks, dive bombers and motorized infantry, were hurled back decisively, and the Soviets thereupon surged forward to occupy enemy fortified positions.

Axis troops were slaughtered in great numbers, Red Star, the Army newspaper, said.

"Every effort to obtain their ultimate objective was rejected," it added.

West of Stalingrad the Soviets were said to be widening the already broad barrier they had created between the Nazis on the Don steppes and those trapped before Stalingrad.

Two battalions of German infantry were declared wiped out and 24 enemy tanks destroyed as the Russian drive on the central front rolled over seven more villages. A Soviet said that the entire 14th German motorized division, which once numbered 20,000 men, had been destroyed since the Russians began their offensive west of Moscow.

(Kotelnikowski, or Verkhin-Kumyskiy, is on the railway into the Caucasus. English maps variously carry it as Kotelnikovo and Kotelnikowskaya.)
On another sector of the southwestern flank, the noon communiqué stated, Soviet tanks pursued and clashed with German tank outfits, destroying nine of the Nazi armored giants, 11 anti-tank guns and 14 trucks.

The central front action saw the Russians dislodging the Germans from one of their strong points and then smashing ahead to clear them from five populated places, the noon communiqué said.

Among the vast damage done to the Germans all along the front during the night of Dec. 16-17, the noon communiqué listed at least 3,250 killed, 31 planes destroyed and 49 tanks put out of action. Black Sea naval action fired a 5,000-ton transport, sank an escorting vessel and struck an enemy torpedo boat, the communiqué said.

The planes were struck at German airdromes in the Caucasus, it was said.
The blows by the Germans southwest of Stalingrad had been the heaviest in the series of counterattacks against the Soviet winter offensive.

Silver Disappears in Liberia

Monrovia, Liberia (AP)—The disappearance of silver coins from circulation has become one of Liberia's monetary headaches. Government officials believe many are being buried in the interior, never to be recovered, and others melted down to provide silver for trinkets sold at a good profit to souvenir-seeking white visitors.

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Bulletins

ROME SEEKS SAFETY

Bern, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Italians are planning to remove all military objectives from Rome in an effort to avoid Allied bombings which already have devastated northern industrial cities and are beginning to wreak havoc in the port of Naples, a Swiss news dispatch reported today.

TO SPEED SHIPMENTS

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP) The Office of War Information announced today the sending of an economic mission to French North Africa to work under Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in speeding the production and shipment of supplies for civilians and industry between North Africa and the United States and other United Nations.

ENGLISH VILLAGE HIT

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Four enemy raiders bombed and machinegunned a village in southwest England today, causing considerable damage to buildings and seriously injuring one woman.

OPA WATCHES WEATHER

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration assured householders in the 30-state fuel oil rationing area today that it was keeping close tab on weather records to determine whether the value of coupons should be increased in some areas.

Army and Navy Plan to Train College Youths

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Army and Navy announced plans today to contract for college facilities at which unqualified young men estimated to number 250,000 will be detailed for training in a uniform-and-pay system which gradually is to supplant the college reservist arrangement.

The 250,000 figure, which is an estimate of qualified persons who cannot be quoted by name, would represent nearly a third of the nation's presently shrinking male college population.

Training for specialist assignments or as officers will be provided in these institutions, a joint announcement said. Candidates for the training so far as the army is concerned must come from the enlisted ranks or existing reserves, while youths in civilian life may be enrolled under the Navy's phase of the program.

Generally, said War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox, the program is designed to maintain a steady flow of young men suitable for specialized educational technical training for the Army, Navy, and Air Corps.

They noted that "the recent amendment to the selective service and training act reducing the draft age to 18 years will eliminate the principal source of men college students" in the colleges' normal way of functioning.

Contracts for the training program, the statement said, will be entered with colleges and universities not yet selected. It was emphasized, however, that existing agreements with educational institutions for training programs will not be affected. Regulations for selection of the institutions will be drafted by the chairman of the war manpower commission, Paul V. McNutt.

All the men assigned to the college training courses will be uniformed and will receive the pay and be under the military discipline of the regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

The joint statement, summarizing the Army's training program, said:
"The objective of this plan is to meet the need of the Army for the

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Large Part of Rommel's Army Caught in Trap

—Africa

By The Associated Press

London, Dec. 17.—The Axis fleeing columns in Libya have been cut in two and part of them, trapped between British forces, have suffered heavy casualties in an effort to break out, the British announced today.

This stroke in the hot chase across the desert was achieved yesterday, the Cairo communiqué disclosed, when Britain's Eighth Army reached Wadi Matruh, about 65 miles west of El Agheila, and cut inland to the south across Nazi Field Marshal Rommel's retreat line.

Some armored formations were bottled up "and continue to be severely mauled" in an attempt to break out which already has caused them heavy losses, the communiqué added.

Rommel, who backed out of his defensible line at El Agheila without a fight, apparently to preserve his remnants as far as possible, thus have been dealt a crippling blow to any hopes of getting a strong force safely into Tripoli for eventual union with the Axis armies in Tunisia.

There was no immediate estimate of the number of men and vehicles at the Eighth Army's mercy, but observers said they formed a large Nazi force, intended by Rommel for rearguard fighting, and were being methodically mopped up.

Before Rommel withdrew from El Agheila, his strength was estimated at 50,000 to 60,000 troops and an unknown number of tanks. Most of this army is believed to have retreated well west of the Wadi Matruh, beyond the British wedge.

Besides bringing at least part of the enemy to battle, military commentators in London said, the British now have faced him with the dilemma of leaving his rear forces uncovered or of pulling back more tanks from the line of retreat.

The splitting of his forces also has spoiled the German propaganda that he was withdrawing unmolested, they said, and there is now overwhelming evidence that he is beaten and in full flight.

On the opposite side of the Axis' narrowing last foothold on the south shore of the Mediterranean, ground forces in Tunisia stirred into new action and the Allied prepared to be preparing for a new drive as abating rains promised an end to the mud which has bogged down both sides.

The Morocco radio, saying it quoted authoritative sources, reported that Axis forces already were falling back from the region of Medjez-El-Bab, important highway junction at the gateway to Tunis and Bizerte.

This was the reverse of an earlier Vichy broadcast saying that Allied troops had withdrawn from Medjez-El-Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

"It can be said," the Morocco radio added, "that the course of the battle already is changing under the weight of Allied air superiority."

Rommel's predicament apparently was the result in large part of air blows which previously had telegraphed his retreating line by stalling the front end behind roads blocked with the blasted debris of trucks and tanks while ground forces pressed on the rear.

"Following a night of intensive ground strafing," the Cairo communiqué said, "our bombers and fighter-bombers yesterday continued to attack the retreating enemy."

It mentioned good targets particularly in the Zautia En Nofila area, about 100 miles overland west of El Agheila, and said they

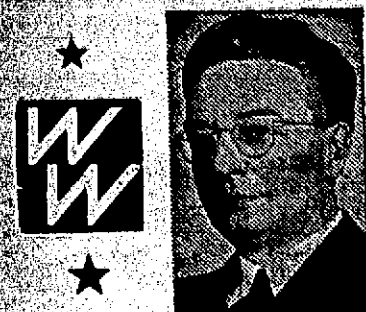
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* TO *

Christmas

WAR BONDS • STAMPS

Rommel Delays Showdown While Europe Is Fortified



By DEWITT MACKENZIE

(Cairo, Dec. 16. — (Delayed) — Nazi Marshal Rommel's tactics in the face of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's powerful new attack fit perfectly with the idea advanced in this column before the drive started that Hitler has assigned him to do a holding operation without adequate resources while the Fuehrer realigns his continental defenses to meet the widespread eruption of Allied initiative.

Unless the all highest infallible intuition envisages something which is not apparent to ordinary mortals he can have small expectation of being able to keep a foothold in northern Africa in view of the Allied strength massing against him.

Thus, Rommel's task is to sacrifice his Army and himself in an effort to buy time for his master. Indications are that Rommel had intended to make a stand in his strong positions at El Aghelia. His defenses there had been long prepared to meet contingencies in previous swings of fortune in the desert.

However, Montgomery has move so swiftly and handled his striking power with such skill that the Nazi captain was forced either to retreat or to run the grave risk of complete annihilation.

Thus we see Rommel retiring again and, as he pulls back, leaving a trail of mines to block the pursuers.

Now, the use of mines is very common and their normal employment would cause no surprise. However, the vast numbers which the marshal sowed indicate that his preparations were made well in advance and contemplated the likelihood of retreat.

Nazi mine - sowing in the withdrawal from El Aghelia naturally must slow the progress of the Eighth Army somewhat since these dangerous explosives must be removed before traffic can pass.

Also, the further the British advance from their main bases the greater in the problem of transport although, as I previously have reported, the Eighth Army has performed wonders in the organization of transport.

That Montgomery should be able to move his supplies across hundreds of miles of desert and strike so soon must remain one of the marvels of World War II.

How long Rommel can keep up his delaying tactics is purely a matter of guesswork.

Probably he himself has small idea. There is one thing his mines will not halt and that is the merciless bombardment to which he is subjected day and night by the British and American Air Forces.

There is no escape for the unhappy Axis troops and their transport, for whichever way they go those all-seeing warships of the air are after them.

By the way, our American air

men are continuing to do a grand job along with their British colleagues.

So, while British infantry and transport may have to slow up some because of mines, there really will be little loss to the Allies.

While sappers are removing the mines and supplies are moving up, the Allied air force will be exacting a terrible toll among the retreating enemy.

The result will be that as the British Army advances it will move as a well-coordinated and well-supplied unit ready for anything.

It is likely that Rommel may hope to make some sort of stand in the great wadis or gorges which lie ahead. That probably will depend on whether he can escape the bloody pounding of the Allied air forces which never sleep and never let him sleep.

The commonest mines which the Germans are employing are agricultural steel cases about a foot in diameter and four inches thick. On top is a plunger which will move downward when a certain weight is applied to it and explode the mine. Most of them are set so that the plunger works when the wheel of an ordinary motor car passes over it.

The explosion is sufficient to wreck a truck and obviously endangers the life of anyone in the vehicle.

These discs of death are buried in the roadways and especially on the sides of roads where vehicles have to turn out for passing traffic. They are thoroughly nasty affairs for it may happen that 20 cars will pass over one of them without harm, thus encouraging other cars to follow, and then the twenty-first will catch it.

The other day I motored over a piece of road from which, subsequently, 14 mines were extracted.

The removal of these mines is a job which calls for scientific knowledge, skill and, above all, extreme bravery.

We don't hear much about the sappers who go about digging up explosives but they are among the greatest heroes of the war for they risk terrible death every time they lie down on their bellies and start digging cautiously for a mine which has been located.

The location of the mines is done with delicate instruments which are unerring.

Once the detector has given its warning, the sappers start digging for trouble.

Clements Stationed at Great Lakes

Great Lakes, Ill.—Getting into fighting shape to help man the warships of Uncle Sam's formidable Navy is Coy H. Clements, 20, son of Mrs. Maude Clements, Route 1, Hope, Ark., who reported to the U. S. Naval Training Station here last week.

Typhus Reported In Norway

Stockholm (AP)—The Swedish Health Board has started anti-typhus inoculation of the civilian population of Tarna, in the Province of Jemtland bordering on Norway. It is reported that Typhus has broken out among war prisoners held by the Germans occupying Norway.

Curtailment of Liquor Ordered In Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Slashes in the amount of beer, wine and distilled liquors released for consumption in Canada and in their alcoholic content were ordered by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King last night under the powers of the war measure act.

His order, detailed in a long-awaited temperance broadcast, also banned liquor and beer advertising in the dominion for the duration.

(It was not immediately made clear whether United States and other publications which carried such advertising would be barred from Canada but no such ban exists in Ontario and other Canadian provinces which already prohibit liquor advertising.)

King declared that his order was necessary for the total war effort. He decreed an increase in beverage alcohol consumption since the beginning of the war which he said amounted to 60 per cent in

beer, 25 per cent in wine and 37 1-2 per cent in distilled liquors. His order called for a reduction in distribution of beer by 10 per cent, wine by 20 per cent and spirituous liquors by 30 per cent.

In addition he ordered that distilled liquors be cut to not more than 30 per cent under proof, which would correspond to about 35 per cent alcohol, similar to the U. S. 70 proof.)

King also asked that liquor dispensing stores confine their sales to an eight-hour period.

The sum total of her (woman's) knowledge will be increased in the post war world because more women will have worked at men's jobs. More interests in common should make for better understanding between husbands and wives.

Fort Leavenworth, Kas. (AP)—It wasn't so much the loss of his \$2 and some papers that a Fort Leavenworth recruit minded, when someone stole his wallet. "It took me a long time to accumulate all of those telephone numbers," he meant. "I sure did hate to lose them!"

Thief Steals Purse Also Good Names

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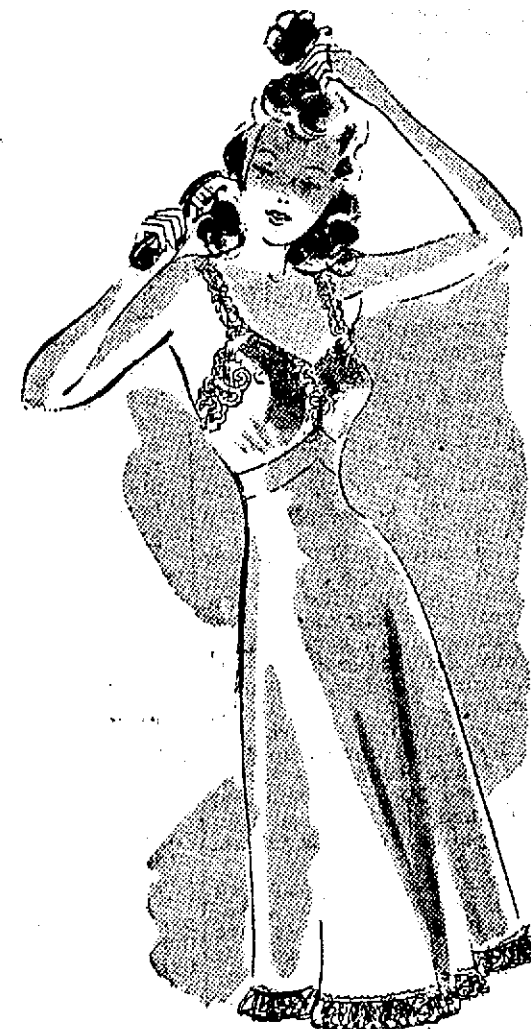
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Child's Lorraine panties, lace and ribbon trimmed.

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Munsingwear Balbriggan gowns and pajamas in print or solid colors.

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Satin Gowns

Lace trim and tailored, tea rose, blue, white.

2.98-3.98

Pajamas

Crepe and rayon knit in plain and fancy colors.

2.98-3.98

Market Report

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Except for frequent rallies of fractions to almost a cent, the grain market today showed little response to new buying although prices had much more stability than yesterday.

Corn was strongest, due, traders said, to weather which is stimulating farm feeding, halting movement of grain from the country and delaying completion of harvest. Profit taking continued to plague the market but this was noticeable mostly in the wheat pit where prices were off fractions at times.

Wheat closed 1-4 lower to 1-8 higher compared with yesterday, December \$1.33 3-4—7-8, May \$1.34 5-8—1-2; corn 1-8—3-8 higher, December 88, May 91 5-8—1-2; oats 1-8—1-2 up and rye 1-8 off to 18 higher. Soybean futures were 1 1-2—3 cents higher on bid and asked quotations.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Poultry, live 28 trucks; firm; turkeys, toms; young; under 18 lb. 34; hens; young under 18 lb. 36 1-2; old hens. 33, old toms 29; other prices unchanged.

No wheat. Corn new: No. 2 yellow 90 1-2—91 1-4; No. 3 white 1.08-1.10; old corn: No. 2 yellow 91 1-4; No. 3, 91 3-4.

Wheat Dec.—high, 1.34 3-8; low, 1.33 1-2; colse, 1.33 3-4—7-8; May—high, 1.35 1-4; low, 1.34 3-8; close, 1.34 5-8—1-2.

Corn Dec.—high, 88 1-2; low, 87 7-8; close, 88. May—high, 92 1-8; low, 91 1-4; close, 91 5-8—1-2.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 17.—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 12,000; fairly active; 180 lbs. 10 to 15 higher than average Wednesday; lighter weights and sows 15 to 25 higher; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. 14.25-35; top 14.35; later deals around 14.25; heavier weights scarce; 140-180 lbs. 13.50-14.10; 100-130 lbs. 12.50-13.35; sows 13.45-40; largely 13.65-85. Cattle, 2,500; calves, 1,000; steers steady to 25 higher; heifers strong;

other classes steady; goo steers 14.00-15.00; medium 12.50-13.65; good to choice heifers 13.00-14.50; medium to 12.50; common and medium cows 9.00-11.00; medium sausage bulls 10.50-12.25; good and choice ewelets 15.25; medium and good 12.75-14.00; nominal range slaughter steers 10.50-16.00; slaughter heifers 9.50-15.50; stocker and feeder steers 9.00-13.75. Sheep, 2,000; salable receipts include two doubles yearlings; around 130 0 trucked - in native lambs; few loads reported back; market not established.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Cotton prices kept on a fairly even keel today. Trade and mill price fixing against government textile contracts more than balanced scale up hedging and profit taking. The rank and file of outside traders kept to the sidelines.

Late afternoon values were 15 to 25 cents a bale higher, Mch 18.88, May 18.74 and Jly 18.61.

Futures closed 15-80 cents a bale higher.

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NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The stock market today gave its best recovery performance in months with leaders advancing 1 to around 4 points, many to new tops for the year, and dealings the liveliest since last December.

The list was a bit hesitant at the start but strong bids soon were forthcoming for steels, rails, motors, rubbers and assorted industrial blue chips. Low-priced issues continued to account for a sizable portion of the volume. General gains were well maintained in the final hour although the pace slackened somewhat after mid-day. Transfers for the full proceedings were in the neighborhood of 1,300,000 shares.



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Washington

By JACK STINNETT
Wide World Features Writer

Washington — One of the Wash-
ington papers carried stories the
other day to the effect that Army
officers in charge of clearing land
for a new airport hereabouts were
burning cords of firewood after
refusing to sell it to farmers
and suburbanites shivering through
the fuel shortage.
The Army officers didn't use the
wood themselves. They just heaped
it in piles and burned it on the
ground. An amazing thing in view
of the fact that it is hard to get
wood around Washington than it is
to get fuel oil or coal.
From Kansas (and similar stories
have come from other states),
there was a report that a dairy,
serving 1,200 customers in a near-
by town, had been let down with
a gasoline rationing calling for six
gallons of gasoline a week to ser-
vice the entire dairy.
Out of a Senate committee in-
vestigating government question-
naires issued to business firms
came the report from the National
Association of Manufacturers that
89 firms had had to fill out 3,479
long-winded requests for data on
stocks, prices, costs, etc. These
questionnaires, it was claimed,
were costing the companies some-
thing like half a million man-hours
a year.

The point in retelling all this is
that I spent two hours the other
night with a government official
who claims that these and similar
things are all that are wrong with
the United States war effort.
As is often the case these days
he must remain anonymous, but
cockle-burrs out from under the
"If we could just get those little
he does deserve a direct vote:
American public's saddle blanket,
we could win this war in a week."
However, this government official
had no solution to this prob-
lem other than to continue expos-
ing these petty annoyances and
forcing the little bureaucrats who
cause them into other jobs or out
of the government altogether.
This old government warhorse
pointed out that the United States
has one branch that is a slow but
sure "stop - gap" for this sort of
thing if enough pressure is brought
to bear. That is the much-mal-
igned Congress.
If every person who received a
silly, long - winded questionnaire;
or who is subjected to inequities
in rationing; or who has to put up
with petty tyrannies from the lit-
tle demagogues in government bu-
reaus, would take time out to write
his congressman or senator a con-
cise statement of the indignities
heaped upon him, many of those
indignities would soon cease to
exist.
In spite of all the raspberries it
has been handed, Congress still is
the best instrument for a pincer
attack on those workers in the war
effort who take the wrong direction.

With every privilege there is an
obligation for the individual and the
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Many new pamphlets and leaf-
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public, are now in the Fulton Pub-
lic Library.

Among the books on the Library
shelves this month are, Adult:
"Two-Way Passage," by Adamic,
"The Pageant of South America
History," by Peck; "The Guilt of
the German Army," by Fried;
"And Now Tomorrow," by Field;
Juvenile: "Around the World With
the Children," by Carpenter; "Swift
Thunder Prairie," by Maloy; "Cir-
cus Parade," by Furbush; "Johnny
Jump Up," by Hooper, and "Old
Testament Stories," retold for
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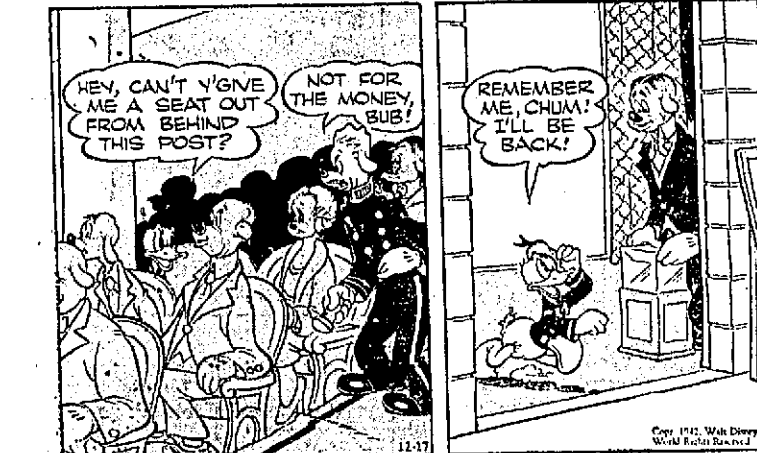
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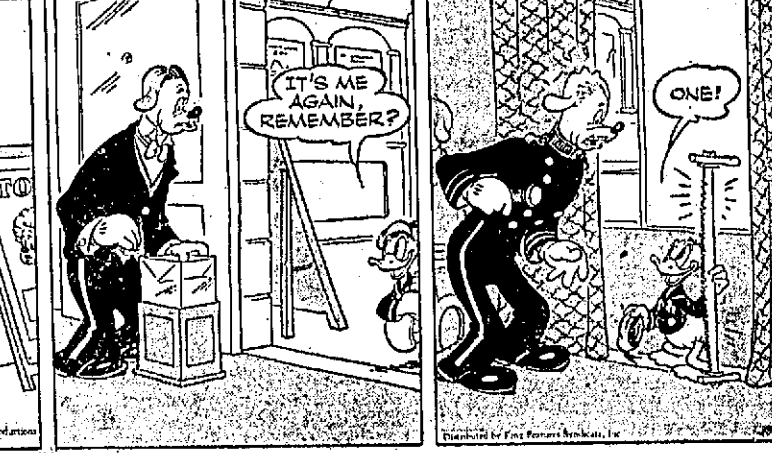
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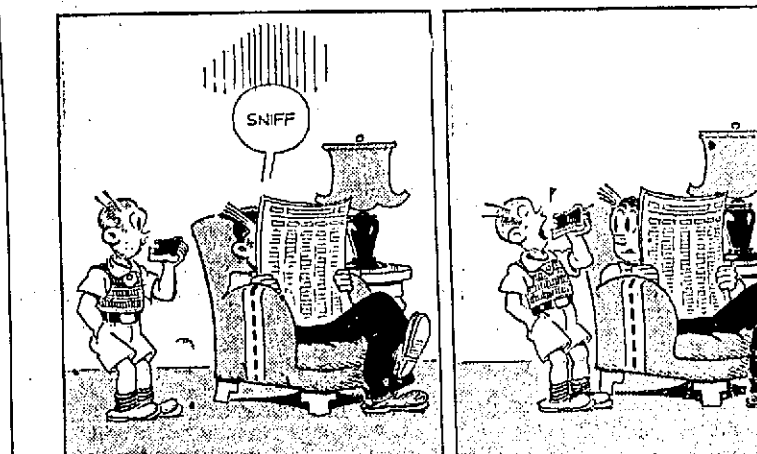
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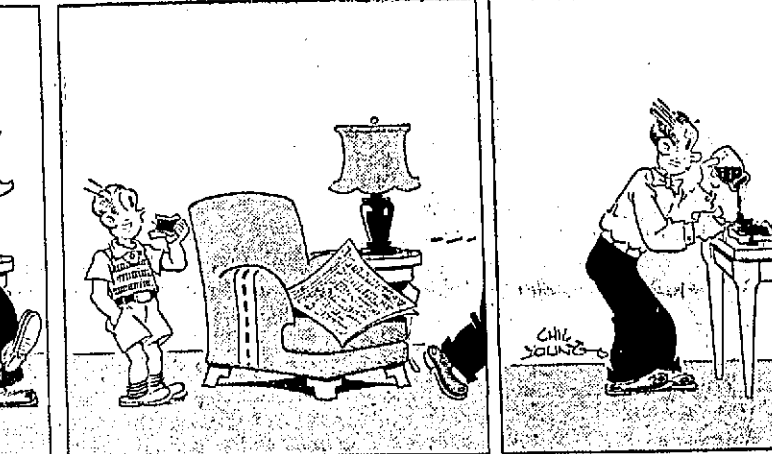
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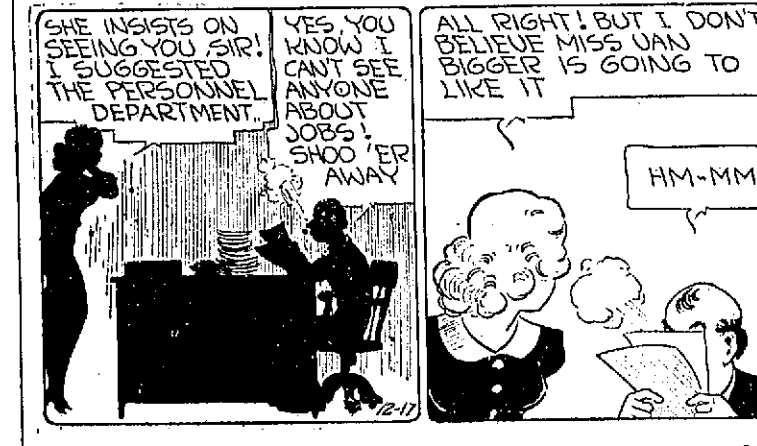
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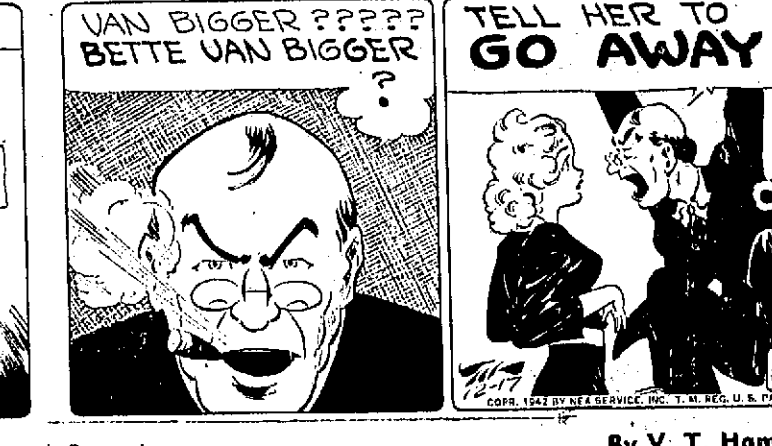
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Batting Average in National Loop Shows Decline

By JUDSON BAILEY
New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Batting averages in the National League are shrinking toward the vanishing point, the official figures showed today.

The 1942 records just released by League President Ford Frick disclosed that the combined hitting of all the 265 players who took part in the senior circuit's games last season was .241, a decline of nine points from 1941 and a drop of 23 points in the last three years.

Emis Lombardi of the Boston Braves, who bagged the batting title for the second time in his career, finished with a .330 mark, 13 points less than the championship pace of Brooklyn's Pete Reiser in 1941.

Similarly, the St. Louis Cardinals, who had the best club average in the league, had to be content with .273, four points less than to Dodgers of the year before.

In 1939 the Cardinals clouted at a .294 clip and the league averaged .272. But the following year the league dropped to .264 and the Pittsburgh Pirates, leading batters as a club, averaged .276.

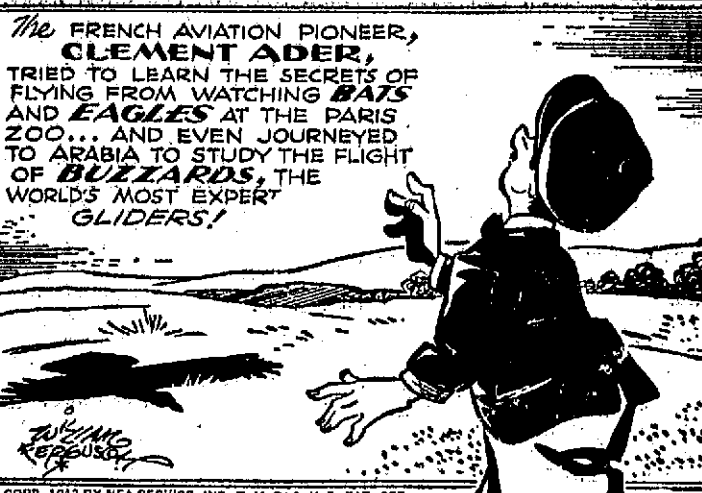
The continued decline has become such a problem that Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, asked the major leagues at the recent meetings in Chicago to provide for the manufacture of a livelier ball. He didn't get an endorsement of his proposal, but he did get named to a committee along with Commissioner Landis and William Harridge, president of the American League, to determine the specifications for next season's official ball.

American League batting records have not yet been released, but Giles said the combined average in the junior circuit was cut down 22 points in the last three years.

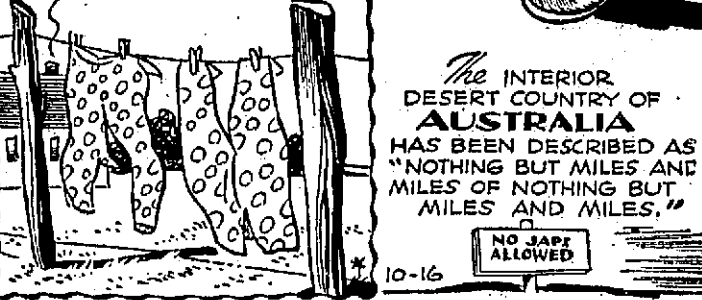
This year only eight of the 78 batters who got into 75 or more games succeeded in batting .300 or better. Besides Lombardi they were Enos (Country) Slaughter of the Cardinals .318; his reefer teammate, Stan Musial .315; Reiser .310; John Mize, New York .305; and Stan Hack, Chicago .302. Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, and Lou Novikoff, Chicago, each .300. In addition Harry Walker of the Cardinals, who appeared in 74 games and was back-

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

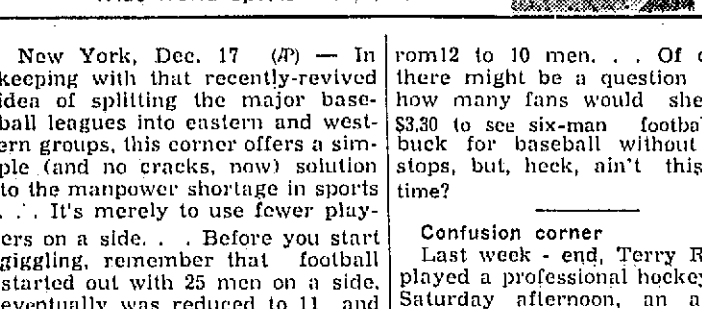
By William Ferguson



THE FRENCH AVIATION PIONEER, CLEMENT ADER, TRIED TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF FLYING FROM WATCHING EAGLES AND EAGLES AT THE PARIS ZOO... AND EVEN JOURNEYED TO ARABIA TO STUDY THE FLIGHT OF BUZZARDS, THE WORLD'S MOST EXPERT GLIDERS!



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—JIM RUTH WHEATLEY, WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN.



SPORTS ROUNDUP
By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—In keeping with that recently-revised idea of splitting the major baseball leagues into eastern and western groups, this corner offers a simple (and no cracks, now) solution to the manpower shortage in sports.

It's merely to use fewer players on a side. . . . Before you start giggling, remember that football started out with 25 men on a side, eventually was reduced to 11 and they say this six-man football played by schools that can't muster full teams isn't bad at all. Hockey used to be a seven-man game and old-timers say it was improved by elimination of the "Rover". . . . basketball tried seven, eight and nine-man teams before settling on five and a few years ago Lacrosse teams were whittled

down to 10 men. . . . Of course, there might be a question as to how many fans would shell out \$3.20 to see six-man football or a buck for baseball without shortstops, but, heck, ain't this wartime?

Confusion corner
Last week - end, Terry Reardon played a professional hockey game Saturday afternoon, an amateur game that night and another pro game Sunday. . . . And two of his appearances were for Montreal clubs visiting Boston, although Terry is the property of the Boston Bruins. . . . The explanation is that Terry is the property of the Boston Bruins because he couldn't get permission to leave Canada. . . . Then, when he was about to enter the army, he was allowed a final fling across the border to show his appreciation asked permission to play with the Montreal Olympic team against the Boston Bruins.

Observation Post
The day before he fought Tami Maurelle, Lou Nova was promoted to first lieutenant in the California State Guard "on the firm conviction that you will win." . . . It didn't take Tami long to reduce him to rank.

One-Minute Sports Page
If "Tippy Larkin beats Beau Jack for the lightweight title" Friday, John J. Hall, New Jersey boxing commissioner, plans to send cards to fighters all over the country saying: "Do you want to be a champion? New Jersey is the place for you." . . . Before he went into the Army, Ken Fairman, Princeton's ex-graduate manager who has insisted on being a tank commander instead of a football player, told George Little of Rutgers, "We started all this; we ought to try to keep it going." . . . In case you don't remember, Princeton vs. Rutgers in 1899 was the first inter-collegiate grid game. . . . Because of restrictions, the dough collected to send the Tulsa U. band to the Sugar Bowl will be invested in war bonds to buy new uniforms after the war.

Today's Guest Star
Irv Kupcinet, Chicago Times: "Branch Rickey is the most artificial dodger of all the Dodgers and his statement to the Montreal Press in releasing Clyde Sukeforth sounded like Cicero's 'evasion of reason,' with plenty of evasion and little reason."

Service Dept.
Sir Harold Alexander, British commander in the Middle East, was a good enough nigger to win the Irish championship just before World War I. Seaman Tom Drake, former Brooklyn and Cleveland pitcher, won't have to dream about his white Christmas this year. He recently was transferred from the Norfolk Naval Training Station to Kodiak, Alaska. . . . There'll be a lot of basketball scores to settle when the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station plays Texas U. Saturday. Lieut. Jack Gray, the fliers coach, piloted the Longhorns for six years and will oppose his old tutor, Clyde Littlefield; the Navy team includes Bob Kinney of Rice, Billy Dewell of Southern Methodist and John Dick, who helped Oregon beat Texas in 1939.

Sports Mirror
By The Associated Press
Today A Year Ago — Joe DiMaggio of New York Yankees was named "athlete of the year" in an annual Associated Press poll.

Three Years Ago — Sam Snead won \$10,000 Miami Open Golf tournament with final round of 64 for 72-hole total of 271.

Five Years Ago — Don Budge and Alice Marble were ranked No. 1 among men and women and ten-

Simington Is Named All-Star Pro-Grid Guard

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The following 33 players, selected from every team in the league, were named by Commissioner Elmer Layden to make up the National Football league's all-star squad in the "pro bowl" game against the championship Washington Redskins in Philadelphia Dec. 27.

Right ends — George Wilson, Chicago Bears; Eddie Rucinski, Brooklyn; Frank Ivy, Chicago Cardinals; John Siegal, Chicago Bears.

Right tackles — John Woudenberg, Pitts; Frank Cope, New York; Lee Artoe, Chicago Bears; Edward Kohnan, Chicago Bears.

Right guards — Augie Lio, Detroit, Emilio Clont, Philadelphia.

Centers — Clyde Turner, Chicago; Charlie Brock, Green Bay.

Left guards — Mill Simington, Pittsburgh; Danny Fortmann, Chicago Bears.

Left tackles — Chet Adams, Cleveland; Al Blozis, New York Giants; Vic Sears, Philadelphia.

Left ends — Perry Schwartz, Brooklyn; Don Hutson, Green Bay; George Wilson, Chicago Bears.

Quarterbacks — Tommy Thompson, Philadelphia; Larry Craig, Greenbay; Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears.

Pittsburgh; Cecil Isbell, Green Left halfbacks — Bill Dudley, Bay.

Right halfbacks — Danti Magnani, Cleveland; Bosh Pritchard, Philadelphia; Mervyn Condit, Brooklyn.

Fullbacks — Harry Hopp, Detroit; Dick Riffe, Pittsburgh; Garry Franglietti, Chicago Bears; Marshall Goldberg, Chicago Cardinals.

Coches — Hank Anderson and Luke Johnsons, Chicago Bears.

Layden said the only players on the "doubtful list" were Goldberg and Hutson, both injured during the regular season.

Library Holds Training Class at City Hall

The Hempstead County Library clerks met Tuesday, December 15th at the City Hall for the regular training class with Miss Elsie Weisenberger, County Librarian as instructor.

The class opened with Mrs. Johnnie McCabe reviewing "Jesus Story" a little New Testament by Maud and Miska Petersham. Reports were made from each library.

A quiz "Merry Christmas" which consisted of authors titles and characters of books and magazines were played. Mrs. Joe Jackson of Washington won the first prize.

Books of religion were discussed. Current question were asked and answered by the members of the group.

At the close of the meeting the class enjoyed a Christmas tree with a gift from each member. The January class will be held the third Tuesday. That time books from the Dewey Decimal System will be reviewed.

Gloria Callen Selected No. 1 Girl in Sports

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The experts taking part in the Associated Press poll may not know their women athletes very well, but nobody can accuse them of not having an eye for pulehitude.

Asked to name their first, second and third choices of the outstanding women athletes of the fading year, the experts by an overwhelming vote selected beautiful Gloria Callen, the Nyack, N. Y., school girl swimmer, as No. 1, but from there on they were confused, to say the least.

Miss Callen, who holds 31 national swimming records polled 135 points from the 67 sports writers who voted. She was named for first place in 38 of the ballots, with eight second-place votes and five votes for third.

In second place with a total of 67 points, and six first-place votes, was Pauline Betz, national women's tennis champion. Betty Jamieson, golf star, placed third with 58 points. Miss Jamieson gained 13 first-place votes.

Louise Brough, runnerup to Miss Betz in the national championships, was the only other athlete even to approach the leaders in point total. She received only one first-place vote but her point total was respectable 26.

From there on everything was a little hazy to the experts, with names listed on ballots with abandon.

Two first-place votes apiece went to Helen Crlenkovich, national fancy diving champion, and Alice Marble, former amateur and pro tennis star, and single first-place votes went to Nancy Melki swimmer; Sarah Palfrey Cooke, tennis player; Patty Berg, golfer; Babe Dadrison Zaharias, golfer; and Patsy McWhorter, swimmer.

The sum total of her (woman's) knowledge will be increased in the past war world because more women will have worked at men's jobs. More interest in common should make for better understanding between husbands and wives.

Arkansas Had Running Start on Rest of Nation in Heroes

(Editor's note: This is the last of a series of articles digesting the day-by-day news of Arkansas' first year in the war.)

By SAM G. HARRIS
Little Rock, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Arkansas had a running start on the rest of the nation when it came to compiling a roll of state heroes in the global war, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, a native of Little Rock, began adding to his already illustrious exploits as soon as the first bomb fell on the Philippines. But other Arkansans soon joined him in the hall of heroes.

Every Arkansan man on the official casualty lists of the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine is a hero in his own right, in his home state but Arkansas had scores of heroes who became nationally known through their deeds that made headlines.

There were Lt. Comdr. John Thach of Fordyce; Lt. Scott (Go Gettun) McCuskey of Stuttgart; Lt. Comdr. C. M. Wassell, Little Rock; Lt. Samuel Heims Marrett, Little Rock; Lt. Cecil Gregg of DeQueen; Lt. (J. G.) Henry J. Brantingham of Fayetteville; Lt. Earl R. Kingsley of Clinton, and Lt. Paul J. Riley of Hot Springs, among the officer heroes.

There were Pvt. Julius Lewis Jr., Clarendon; Sgts. Cloyd M. Gilbert, Delight; J. T. Jenkins, Monticello; Robert A. Clement, Grapevill; and Robert E. Pearce, Marmaduke; Pvt. Alvin Martin of Culpeper, Va.; Seamen Roy Jim Scott, Dardanelle, and Willie Guy Bench, Fayetteville; Machinist's Mate Robert Floyd Brannon, Joseph C. Chalker of Texarkana and John H. Lewis of Mt. Holly among the enlisted heroes.

Last — or perhaps it could be first — there were flight officer Neil G. Martin, the Texarkana University of Arkansas before Flying Tigers of the Chinese Air learning to fly. Martin was with the youth who starred in theatrics at Force. He went down in flames off Burma while fighting the Japs.

There literally are dozens of other Arkansan heroes who were cited for conspicuous gallantry during the first year of war but these are typical.

Thach and McCuskey helped make history in the Coral Sea and Midway battles. They were in Navy fighter squadrons which knocked uncounted Jap planes from the skies and convinced the nation that man-for-man, plane-for-plane the American fliers

were more than a match for the enemy.

Commander Wassell, a Naval medical officer, but his life and professional and Naval reputation that he could evacuate two - score badly wounded charges from Java on a leaky inter - island steamer. He won.

Marrett was on a bombing mission off Luzon. His bombs were gone when he sighted a loaded Japanese transport maneuvering to discharge its horde of invaders. He dived his plane into the transport's side. It cost his life and hundreds of the enemy lives as the transport sank.

Gatshu took his bomber through a curtain of anti-aircraft fire to spill bombs on a Jap naval concentration of Java with telling effect and then nursed his shot-up plane back to a makeshift base.

Gregg exhibited rare gallantry repeatedly in the air fighting over Java and was cited personally by MacArthur. Kigley displayed marked bravery when his fighting squadron broke up a formation of Jap bombers attempting to raid Darwin, Australia. Brantingham was one of the "expeditionaries" whose motor torpedo boats helped evacuate MacArthur and others from Corregidor after dealing misery to the Jap Navy there.

Riley, Annapolis graduate and a former Hot Springs High school football player, was awarded the Navy Cross as leader of a torpedo squadron which sank a Japanese cruiser in the battle of Midway. He is missing in action.

Lewis, a regular Army man, manned one of Bataan's foxholes, accounting for 10 Japs with his machine gun in one action and commenting that he was afraid he'd forgotten how to handle the weapon.

ing in a hazardous mass flight of Gilbert got a DFC for participating in the Pacific. Pearce bailed out of a stricken bomber off the Pacific coast to lighten its load so it would have a chance of making land without the m crewmen. He is "missing."

Jenkins, Clement and Mc. McKinney of Greenwood were from the famous Fourth Marines who fought at Manila, Olongapo, Bataan and finally at Corregidor with such bravery that Army awarded them Silver Stars. They, too, are "missing."

Alvin Martin earned his decorations at Pearl Harbor. Scott and Bench were aboard submarines on Army missions which required dar-

Masked Man



MASKED MAN. Coffee drinking Coast Guardsman, aboard schooner of Corsair fleet, opens the mouth flap of his heavy weather helmet to down a warming cup of coffee. (U. S. Coast Guard photo.)

ing and stamina. They got Silver Stars from the Army.

Brannon, of the Greenbrier baseball family, was aboard the cruiser Omaha which ran down and captured the Odenwald, a German U-boat mother ship, although the crew tried to scuttle the prize.

Chalker and Lewis were with Brantingham's flotilla which helped save MacArthur from Japanese imprisonment. They got Army Silver Stars.

Should the war end tomorrow, Arkansas already has given enough

Septuagenarian Is Knitting Champ

The second year of war is w under way. Arkansans' sons will heard from more and more. The second volume of the "War in Arkansas" already is growing.

Si George, Utah (AP)—A knitter career begun with string garters, when he was seven years old is carrying 74-year-old Joseph F. Barton along to enviable records with the clicking needles.

Barton, ranked abe the fastest knitter in southern Utah, has turned out 21 sweaters and 27 pairs of socks, since he began knitting for the Red Cross last July. He hopes to smash his World War I record of 94 sweaters and 102 pairs of socks.

He was big and tough-fisted enough to enforce his hobby for knitting against the jibes of others when he drove mail through Secret Canyon in Colorado years ago. Barton says he used to anchor the reins under one foot in order to devote both hands to his needles. Once his team ran off the road and tipped over the backboard, but Barton contends he stuck his knitting "and never lost a stitch."

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Darlan Says French Must Help Beat Axis

By WES GALLAGHER
Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 17 (AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan declared in a formal statement yesterday that "French Africa, with the Allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy."
The former commander of all Vichy's armed forces disclaimed personal ambition as his motive for joining the Allies and said that "the French people themselves will decide freely the form of government and national policy they desire."
"I have stated emphatically and repeatedly to Commander-in-Chief General Eisenhower that in leading North and West Africa against Germany and Italy and into the ranks of the United Nations I seek no assistance or support for my personal ambition," he told American and British correspondents.
"Reuters quoted him as telling this press conference that the Germans 'had me by the throat,' and that 'cooperation with the Nazis in the days before the Allied occupation of French Africa had been forced upon him."
"Every move I made," he continued, "according to Reuters, 'Everything I said or wrote, and everyone with whom I talked came under the closest German scrutiny. There were spies about me all the time.'"
Standing besides Darlan as he read his statement to correspondents at his luxurious villa was Robert Murphy, President Roosevelt's special representative.
The stocky, red-faced admiral, recognized by Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as high commissioner of French Africa, said that "at last liberated from German and Italian restrictions, French authorities in Africa will adjust the situation which has existed to accord with French National traditions."
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query as to whether it was his plan "as chief of state to establish regular diplomatic relations with his Allies, the United States and Britain."
The admiral then was asked this double question:
"Is it Mr. Darlan's intention to hold North Africa in trust for Marshal Petain? In other words, is the imperial council with Mr. Darlan at its head a permanent government or does Mr. Darlan plan to step aside for Marshal Petain when France is free again?"
"I consider the high commissioner's part is to represent French interests as long as France is unable to express freely her opinion—that is to say, to give herself the government she chooses," was the response.
In conclusion, the admiral was asked:
"Would Mr. Darlan like to give any explanation of his change of views as expressed a few weeks ago contrasting with his present position on the side of the Allies?"
The man about whose intentions the world has speculated since word first was received that he was in Algiers when the American forces landed there replied:
"The aim of all I did while in the French cabinet was to keep with in due limits the power Germany had gained over France and to save a lithatolud he saved in to save all that could be saved in my unfortunate country and its empire. No Frenchman worth that name, and I, in the first place, could willingly submit to German oppression."
"As long as the Allied nations were not ready to help France in resuming the struggle I tried, sad and resigned, to prevent France from dying under the German heel."
When the Allied forces landed in North Africa I carried on the orders I had received to keep France's word, which latter had prevented for 28 months Axis forces from coming to French Africa.
"I gave the cense fighting order as soon as possible. Being disavowed by Vichy I committed myself to the American military authorities so that I should not cause more French and Allied blood to be shed. Then, when Germany broke the armistice, I considered I could once more act freely."
"The so-much wanted hour having struck, I acted as the man who was eventually to take Marshal Petain's place and tried to muster on the Allied nations' side all Frenchmen still able to resume fighting and march on with them against the Axis."
"On Nov. 11 I ordered the fleet in Toulon to cross to Africa so that it should preserve its freedom and power of action where French interests were concerned, but on the evening of Nov. 10 the marshal had taken over command of all French military forces."
"The commander-in-chief of the fleet did not listen to what I said. I reckon that from the minute Hitler's gangs invaded unoccupied France and broke the armistice it was absolutely necessary to give the fleet and air force orders to leave France to come and reinforce our military organizations in Africa."
Darlan left Algiers yesterday morning in a French Army Martin Bomber for a one-day inspection trip to "the east of Algira"—presumably Tunisia. British fighters escorted his plane.
London, Dec. 17 (AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan's statement in North Africa disavowing personal ambitions as his motive for joining the Allies brought mixed reactions today from the British.
Editorial comment on the whole was cool but the Times said his disavowal of personal ambitions beyond the liberation of France was welcome news.
The newspaper expressed the hope that patriotism would "dictate early withdrawal of the leader who stands in the way of wider union of Frenchmen."
The Daily Telegraph said:
"For the sake of future Franco-British relations we must not only be sure now that Darlan's measures are more than paper but we must also note that he has ruled himself out of office whenever France has a chance to settle her own affairs."
Emanuel Shinwell, outspoken Laborite member of parliament and bitter critic of collaboration with the admiral, said "Darlan must be considered only in terms of the services he can render. When we succeed in North Africa we can do with Darlan as we please."
A Fighting French spokesman asserted Darlan's "whole career has proved that his only motives are personal motives."
The British admiralty meanwhile announced that RAF photographs of Toulon harbor showed "the thoroughness with which French seamen carried out their bitter task" of scuttling the French fleet there.
They said 44 vessels, including the battleships Strasbourg and Provence, were partially submerged and only 15 vessels of various types, including two cruisers, apparently were undamaged but perhaps damaged internally.
Our Allies, Says FDR
Washington, Dec. 17 (AP)—The people of North Africa not only have Allied themselves on the side of liberalism and against the Axis, says President Roosevelt, but also "have accomplished much" in support of the Allied war effort.
The president, welcoming North Africans as Allies last night, issued the text of a statement by Admiral Jean Darlan calling on his fellow Frenchmen for united effort to defeat Germany and Italy.
The president made no comment on the status of Admiral Darlan, who was chief of the Vichy government's armed forces until he cast his lot with the Allies after the American occupation of French North Africa last month, nor did he voice any opinion on Darlan's disclaimer of personal ambitions for power.

Hope for Early Settlement of Power Rates

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 17 (AP)—Prospects for an early conclusion of a Federal Power Commission hearing into reasonableness of rates charged the government by a Southwest Power pool for electricity to the Lake Catherine, Ark., aluminum plant wanted today after FPC counsel requested voluminous data on individual operations of pool members and three affiliates.
Lambert McAllister, FPC attorney from Washington, asked that operations data from each of the 10 pool members and three non-member affiliates be presented. Pool spokesmen said at least four days would be needed to assemble the material. McAllister said the data was needed for cross-examination purposes. The three affiliates are the New Orleans Public Service Company, the Texas Electric Service Company and the Dallas Power and Light Company.
The Pool's third witness of the hearing, which started Monday, was presented yesterday. He was L. E. Jefferson, rate chief of Ebasco Services, Inc., New York, who testified that he considered the Power Pool's rates to the plant "too low."
Jefferson declared he consulted with Pool officials preparing the rates, said by other witnesses to be \$2 per kilowatt of demand plus four mills per kilowatt hour of consumption.

Hunters Used To Scatter Birds

Aberdeen, S. D. (AP)—It was like turning a youngster loose in a candy store when the Federal government invited hunters to shoot pheasant at Sand Lake refuge near here.
The idea was to scatter the thousands of birds which had become too concentrated for the amount of cover and food available, officials said.
State regulations which permitted seven birds a day and 21 in possession had to be followed, however. The refuge was opened the last three weeks of a 90-day upland bird season.
fighting and march on with them against the Axis.

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"were bombed with excellent results."
Rommel evidently had been so intent on avoiding just such a pitched fight as the British pocket forced on him that only feeble rear-guard patrols were put out to delay the British, whose pace was checked principally by a long supply line and the elaborate maze of mines Rommel left behind.
The German commander, for the first time, acknowledged the renewal of Rommel's flight which it said was developing "according to plan."
Allied air power also took a heavy new toll on enemy bases in Tunisia. The Cairo communiqué said docks at Tunis and La Goulette were bombed again Tuesday night in a raid "which lasted more than eight hours."
Hills were scored on an oil storage depot, barracks, freight yards and La Goulette Islands, causing violent explosions and large fires, it said, and the canal between Tunis and La Goulette "was partially Philippeville."
Increasing Allied patrol activity in Tunisia, including some of their countryside probably would be dry enough soon for large-scale tank warfare bolstered indications that the lull there would not continue much longer.
Associated Press Correspondent William B. King, in a dispatch written at the Tunisian front yesterday, said that a major battle apparently was in the offing.
King told of visiting a British lookout post atop a high hill on the eastern outskirts of Medjez-El-Bab, whence he could see the German positions two miles away.
West of Medjez-El-Bab, King said, the Allies were building up their striking power for a big push but he declared this would not be easy.
"The Germans have a big Army in Tunisia, including some of their finest fighting units," he wrote. "This indicated the campaign here is no more delaying action for the Germans and will be the scene of one of Hitler's main efforts to halt the Allies."
"Axis troops have been drawn from all parts of Europe, and many wear decorations won on the Russian front. German reinforcements are being rushed in by transport planes and gliders."

Pvt. Remmel Young Is Made Corporal

Keesler Field, Miss., Dec. 11—Private First Class Remmel H. Young, son of Mrs. S. R. Young, West Division St., Hope, Ark., recently was promoted to the grade of Corporal at the Airplane Mechanics school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command here.

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London (AP)—James Dodds known as the Man who can't wear Khaki, has been honorably discharged from the Royal Marines. Able-bodied and fit, he developed chronic dermatitis after serving more than two years and doctors recommended his discharge.



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